

Amendment under rule^f 116

In response to the Office Action dated 5/21/01, the applicant thanks the examiner for pointing out the applicant's error in combining the "method and Means" wording of the main claim 21. The applicant requests that the case be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 21 through as follows:

21 (Amended) A method [and means] of animating the presentation of a discrete transformation of a representation, from a starting representation comprising symbols to a transformed representation comprising symbols, said presentation comprising a plurality of intermediate presentations, displayed in rapid succession, as is customary in the art of animations, creating the illusion of continuity of said transformation, wherein said starting and ending representations are subject to the rules of the relevant subject matter, whereas said intermediate representations need not be governed by said rules, further wherein said symbols are selected from the group consisting of mathematical symbols and chemical symbols and biological symbols and economic symbols and alphabetic symbols and numeric symbols and language symbols.

Remarks - General

Applicant requests the modification of claim 21 deleting the "means" part of claim 21, thereby overcoming examiner's objection under paragraph 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claim rejections under USC 103

Applicant requests consideration of the following responses to each claim objection in the office action:

1 Claims 21-23, 26-27, 21-22, and 36-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by Nakayama et al in view of Foley et al.